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***Response to Election/Restriction***

Sir:

This is in response to the Election/Restriction Requirement mailed May 26, 2006. As this response is being filed within the one month shortened statutory period for reply, no extension of time is believed necessary. However, Applicants conditionally petition for any necessary extensions of time to provide for the possibility that the need for such an extension has been inadvertently overlooked. Please charge our Deposit Account No. 50-2121 for any necessary extension of time fees.

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